2-टियर वातानुकूल शयनयानों तथा वातानुकल कुर्सीयानों की पहले ही व्यवस्था कर दी गई है ।

Strike by J & K Policemen

*238. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policemen in Jammu & Kashmir went on strike in April this year on the alleged death of a policeman in custody and went to the extent of submitting a memorandum to the UN Observer in Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minister of State for Internal Securiy had gone to Kashmir around April 27, 1993, if so what was his observation about the situation and what action has since been taken to deal with the belligerent police personnel?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) A section of the JKAP Police personnel had resorted to agitation in protest against the alleged death of a Constable of JKAP; during security force operations on 21st April, 1993, in Srinagar. They also presented a memorandum at the office of U.N. Observers in Srinagar. Their main demands were: to take action against the Senior Supdt. of Police, Srinagar; permission for revival of Union activities, which had not been permitted for over 10 years; and reinstatement/release of police employees who had been dismissed or arrested during the last 3 years.

The State Government had ordered an inquiry into the circumstances of the death of the JKAP Constable to be conducted jointly by an officer each from the Army and the Police, of the rank of a Brigadier and an Inspector General, respectively. A criminal case in respect of the incident was also registered. The SSP, Srinagar, was transferred to facilitate the conduct of the said inquiry ordered by the State Government. On 26th April, 1993, the agitating policemen were told about the above decisions, and were assured that all concerned would be advised to give due recognition to the identity cards being carried by the Police personnel and that complaints in this regard will be enquired into at a senior level. They were also advised that 10 members of Police Welfare Association could meet the Addl. Chief Secretary (Home) and D.G.P. on 27th April to discuss pending service, welfare and other allied matters and that the policemen not on duty should report for duty by 1330 hrs on 27th April, 1993.

When the agitating section of policemen did not report for duty on 27th April and continued with their agitation and demonstration in an unruly manner, in the premises of the Police Control Room Complex, the Army and Para Military Forces were called in early on the morning of 28th April, 1993. Consequently, the agitating police personnel deposited their arms and retruned to their barracks. During all stages of the agitation, the concerned authorities exercised restraint and the situation was brought under control without any avoidable confrontattion coolence. The Minister of State for Internal Security visited Srinagar on 27th April 1993 to review the situation arising out of the agitation; and had detailed discussions with the Governor and senior Officials of the State Government.

There have been no untowards incidents since 28 April 1993 on account of this episode and all sections of the State Police are back on their normal duties. The State Government has taken a serious view of the

indiscipline resorted to by a section of the local police. The services of 79 police personnel involved in this agitation, have since been terminated by the State Government, and 42 persons have been arrested in connection with their activities during the agitation. A Commandant and Dy. Commandant of JKAP have also been placed under suspension.

Inquiry Commission into Meham Incident

*239. *SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY.*

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Commissions were constituted to probe into Meham episode, date of constitution of each Commission and its terms alongwith the amount spent on each commission.

(b) when will the terms of the present Justice Saikia Commission come to an end;

(c) how many times in the past the term of Justice Saikia Commission was extended alongwith details of each extension and the reason for the same; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to extend the term any further; if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The Union Government had constituted a Meham Commission of Inquiry on 24th July, 1990 to enquire into the incidents in the Meham Constituency in Haryana on the eve of a bye-election in 1990. The terms of the Commission are to make an inquiry with respect to:

(i) the circumstances immediately preceding and resulting in the death; during the night of 16th/17th May, 1990, of Shri Amir Singh, one of the candidates in the bye-election to the Haryana Legislative Assembly from Meham Constituency;

(ii) facts relating to the violent incidents in village Madina and the role of the police authorities therein; and

(iii) any other matter connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The term of the Meham Commission of Inquiry shall end on 31st October, 1993.

The term of the Meham Commission of Inquiry was extended as follows:

	Date of Notification	*Period extended*
(i)	23-10-1990	up to 23-4-1991
(ii)	16-4-1991	up to 30-6-1991
(iii)	29-6-1991	up to 30-9-1991
(iv)	19-9-1991	up to 31-1-1992
(v)	30-1-1992	up to 31-7-1992
(vi)	30-7-1992	up to 31-1-1993
(vii)	28-1-1993	up to 30-4-1993
(viii)	10-4-1993	up to 31-10-1993